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1. Within the MVD Internal Troops complex, there were special prisoner escort troops known officially as Convoy Troops of the MVD (Konvoynnye Vyska, MVD). These troops had the specific duties of guarding prisoners and deportees en route to labor camps and colonies, and of guarding certain MVD installations. [redacted] their uniforms were identical with those of the regular MVD Internal Troops personnel.

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- 25X1 2. [redacted] Convoy Troops were used to any great extent in the forcible resettlement of minorities. The deportations were carried out on such a large scale, and with such a painstaking thoroughness, that the Convoy Troops, comparatively small in number, could not have coped with the problem. [redacted] the regular MVD Internal Troops were primarily used in such operations. However, he had no positive knowledge of the manner in which the resettlements were conducted.

- 25X1 3. [redacted] the Convoy Troops, except that they continue to exist (to the date of information).

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